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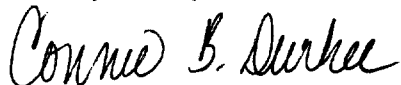
To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to urge you to act on docket number 98P-0151/CP1 to stop the slaughter of downed animals for the human food supply. These poor downed animals commonly lie in alleyways, without food, water or any veterinary care until it's convenient to take them to slaughter. Thousands die slowly from neglect before ever reaching the slaughterhouse.

On top of that, these poor creatures are obviously diseased and their meat is not safe for human consumption. They at least deserve a peaceful, painless and quick death.

Please, I urge you to help put an end to this cruelty. We need to treat all living creatures with some respect, especially if we are using them for our appetites. We would want the same for ourselves!!

Thank you for your time,



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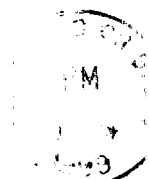
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